

IN THE SPECIFICATION

**Please add the following new paragraph and heading at page 1, before line 1:**

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Brief Summary of the Invention

**Please add the following new heading at page 1, between lines 6 and 7:**

Background of the Invention

**Please add the following new heading at page 2, between lines 7 and 8:**

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

**Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 28-31 as follows:**

In the method according to the invention, it is possible and recommended that the plasma pressure is near atmospheric pressure, that is between ~~0,9 preferably 0,95 bar and 1,1 preferably 1,05 bar~~ 0.9 preferably 0.95 bar and 1.1 preferably 1.05 bar. It is advantageous that the plasma is at the local atmospheric pressure.

**Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 27-28 as follows:**

Consequently, the invention also relates to the use of the plasma obtained by the method ~~according to claims 1 to 3~~ described herein for decomposing toxic substances.